

WOMEN'S FIGHT FOR THE BALLOT

New York Thoroughly Aroused on Suffrage Question.

Big Eastern Newspapers Are Backing the Movement.

PROMINENT KANSANS THERE

Lieut. Governor Morgan and His Wife in the Field.

Major A. M. Harvey Has Been Working in Campaign.

New York's suffrage campaign has been able to duplicate. What is more, half dozen prominent Kansans have been helping to drive the battle to the third trenches of the anti-suffrage orators and have bombarded every organized opposition to the "votes for women" movement.

The attitude of the New York press is also one of the big surprises in the contest for state wide suffrage. The accompanying cartoon has appeared in many prominent publications of both parties—papers which in former years trained their 42 centimeter guns on suffrage agitation. In view of the change of attitude so evident in the columns of the New York press, the campaign has aroused an interest that is nation wide. The defeat of the suffrage resolution in New Jersey last week was a defeat for the suffrage advocates, but it didn't stop the New York battle for one minute.

Major A. M. Harvey of Topeka, who has returned to Kansas after making twenty-one speeches for the suffrage cause, declares that in his judgment New York state will vote to give women the ballot. W. Y. Morgan, lieutenant governor, and Mrs. Morgan are both devoting time, thought and energy to the New York battle and are right in the midst of the fight. Both are making speeches for the cause. Earl Akers, state treasurer, is also in New York with a message for the easterners and a testimonial concerning the success of suffrage in Kansas.

Suffrage in Kansas has received prominent and favorable comment in New York papers through the interviews of the Jayhawkers on Broadway and in the up-state country. Here is a Morgan interview in the New York Sun:

"Woman suffrage has not brought about any of the dire disasters in Kansas that the anti used to prophesy before our women were enfranchised."

"This is my chief message," he reiterates, "none of those awful calamities that the anti looked forward to so confidently—neglected homes, husbands and children—have happened in Kansas. Woman suffrage with us is taken as a matter of course, no one now thinks it at all out of the usual run of everyday life. Women are as busy as ever in their homes and in church, and in the same way, that woman vote more seriously and intelligently than men—that may not be saying much, to be sure. But it has been proved in my state that their vote is the conservative vote, not the radical, which is a surprise to radicals, as they were the prime movers in the campaign for equal suffrage. Our women keep in a sane foundation; they are economical, they believe in home and school and church and the Bible."

"It seems very strange to us of the middle west that New York state, to which we have always so looked up as a leader, should be an official hind in passing this measure of right and justice. We have never expected New York, like Mexico, to say 'manana'."

"Anything that I can do to help the cause in these eastern campaign states I shall do gladly. It seems as though the testimony of an official of an equal suffrage state ought to have some weight in the minds of thinking people, and I can truthfully say that we men of the conservative party, that our women are citizens with us; women suffrage works so well in our state that we take it like other blessings, as a matter of course."

Talks to the Globe.

Morgan was also good for more than a column interview in the New York Globe. That paper's story of the Kansas man's visit to the big white way with a message favoring state wide suffrage follows:

"The women who didn't want the vote are women who are voting in Kansas. They are the conservatives—the women who do their housework, who belong to sewing societies, who go to church."

"It is four years now since we have had equal franchise in our state."

"Last winter the legislature of our state unanimously passed a resolution recommending that an official of an suffrage had been helpful to the state and had been accompanied by not a single unpleasant result. Not a newspaper, not an individual, in Kansas held or expressed a contrary opinion. Even those newspapers which had been openly anti-suffrage before the victory of the women have acknowledged that woman suffrage has been of direct benefit to the state and to the individuals in the state."

"It has often been claimed by anti-suffragists that the women who are agitating for suffrage are the only ones who desire to vote, and that they are asking suffrage for all women—kind simply to gratify their own personal desire for power or publicity. That this is not the case has been definitely proved in Kansas. The women who have been foremost in the great suffrage fight vote, of course. That is taken for granted. But these women are but a small minority in the great mass of women voters. The proportion of women voters is equal to that of men. The woman who votes is the woman who believes in economy and morality and God. She is the wife and mother, the sister and sweetheart. She votes just as naturally as she goes to church, and her voting is taken for granted by the men with whom she comes in contact. Aside from any direct result of her vote, the franchise is of personal benefit to her. She feels her responsibility to the community, and there is less talk of hats and neighbors, and more of candidates and whether or not this man would insist on clean streets or hygienic schools, than there used to be."

Major Harvey's Experiences.

This is the story of the New York battle as told in Topeka today by Maj. A. M. Harvey:

"The greatest of all in the New York campaign is the work of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt. She has made a most complete organization reaching to all parts of the state, and made up of persons thoroughly efficient and earnest in their work. I have never known of a campaign organization that was more complete and better managed."

"I arrived at Buffalo October 4 and reported to the headquarters in charge of Mrs. F. J. Shuler. She is a district manager, and has a thoroughly equipped office with a number of good helpers. They at once arranged three outdoor meetings for me during that day in addition to the evening meeting to be held at North Tonawanda. At Tonawanda I met Major Rafter, who was the surgeon major of the 8th, I went back to Buffalo to commence a week's meetings with Dr. Anna Howard Shaw. Before commencing the regular meetings for the next week I went to Jamestown and held an outdoor meeting at noon, and was back in Buffalo in time for the evening meeting."

"Dr. Anna Howard Shaw is making a most remarkable campaign. She has now made more than one hundred and eighty addresses and seems to be as strong, vigorous and capable as ever. She has the faculty of following the latest developments in the campaign and discussing them in a forceful and entertaining fashion."

"A certain Colonel Irish made a speech at Albany on the 11th in which he made a vigorous personal attack upon Dr. Shaw. It was highly entertaining to hear her talk about it the next evening. In the best of good humor and with sarcasm and ridicule unmatched she literally flayed him a great deal of the time and yet does not leave the impression that her talk is simply an entertainment."

Susan B. Anthony's Home.

"At Rochester, since it was the home of Susan B. Anthony, I thought it would be well to pay something of a tribute to her, and when I spoke her name the entire audience arose. I afterwards learned that the suffrage workers had agreed to show their respect for Miss Anthony by arising anytime that her name was mentioned in the way of a salute, and it seemed that all of the Rochester people understood that."

"At many places in and about

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Woman suffrage will increase the power of the family, of the father and mother. Woman suffrage will mean real government by the people.

Woman suffrage will compel men in office to think of the needs of women and children.

Men, do not merely FEEL SORRY FOR WOMEN, give them justice, help them to help themselves.

When anybody talks to you about man's superiority in government, and the danger of letting women meddle in political affairs, hand him this little picture.

In government for hundreds of centuries—and the magnificent final result you see in the war in Europe.

The women, those that manufacture the children and bring them to life with a suffering keener than any soldier's suffering, are not consulted as to what shall be done with their sons.

Women bear the burdens, like the dogs that drag the milk wagons of Holland, and they have as little to say about what shall be done with their children as the dogs have to say about what shall be done with the milk.

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thousands of millions cutting the throats of his fellow men, setting the world on fire.

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